

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1142

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A RESOLUTION to honor Rob Edwards of Clay County High School on earning his 500th victory in high school basketball.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a coaching legend who recently attained a significant career milestone; and

WHEREAS, Rob Edwards, head coach of the Clay County High School boys' basketball team and twenty-two-year veteran of the hardwood, recently notched his 500th career victory when his Bulldogs bested East Robertson by twenty points in the Region 4-A title game; and

WHEREAS, prior to that historic occasion, Coach Edwards led Clay County to a perfect 8-0 conference record during the regular season and the District 7-A championship; and

WHEREAS, in regional action, Coach Edwards and the Bulldogs blasted Knowledge Academies 89-50, toppled Gordonsville 76-45, and defeated East Robertson 63-43 in the aforementioned game to win the Region 4-A championship; and

WHEREAS, Clay County then destroyed Chattanooga Prep 74-38 in the sectional game to earn the team's third consecutive bid to the TSSAA Class A state tournament and its ninth overall during Coach Edwards's illustrious tenure and claim the twelfth state tournament berth in school history; and

WHEREAS, last season, Coach Edwards developed his elite squad into a smoothly functioning basketball machine on the way to winning the 2021 Class A state tournament; and

WHEREAS, with numerous regional and district titles, nine state tournament berths, and a state championship to his credit, Coach Edwards piloted the Bulldogs into the fray of the 2022 Class A state tournament with high hopes for back-to-back state championships; and

WHEREAS, the Bulldogs easily handled North Greene 70-42 in the Elite Eight game before ending their season with a loss in the semifinal round; Coach Edwards's team finished with an outstanding 24-7 overall record, with all seven of their losses coming against state tournament qualifiers in Class A, Class AA, or Class AAA; and

WHEREAS, Coach Edwards currently has 502 career victories and is already looking forward to next season, but he and his team will most definitely miss the contributions of two-time Mr. Basketball, Grant Strong; and

WHEREAS, through hard work and commitment, Rob Edwards has achieved success that most coaches can only dream of, and he is worthy of our approbation on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Rob Edwards of Clay County High School on earning his 500th victory in high school basketball and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success as the head coach of the Clay County High School Bulldogs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.